

A circular black ink stamp. The outer ring contains the text "OIPE" at the top and "PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE" at the bottom. In the center, the date "AUG 03 2004" is stamped. The letters "JC139" are visible in the upper right quadrant of the stamp.

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

A. Introductory Comments

Prior to the continued prosecution on the merits, please amend the above-captioned application as follows and consider the following remarks.